



North East Rottweiler Rescue & Referral, Inc.

Rescuing & Rehoming Rottweilers Since 1998

PO Box 510
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Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to needy Rottweilers. Without volunteers like you, our work would be limited and many dogs would die.

Foster homes play a major part in our success. We do not use a shelter to hold our dogs. Instead, all of the dogs must spend a minimum amount of time in foster care.

NERR's dogs come from many different backgrounds. Animal Control officers call us on strays, and Court & Cruelty Cases for Rottweilers appoint us as guardians to the dogs when taken from unfit homes. Some come in under weight, under socialized, and in need of basic training and medical care. The pregnant, sick, scared, bouncy, happy-go-lucky; pups, teens, and adults; all find their way to NERR. Remember that cute pup some family got as a present that got too big for the house and was then tied to the tree in the backyard to live? The neighbors complained too much about the barking and the dog was taken to the pound. That is where NERR comes in as well. We work closely with many, many shelters and are called when they get a Rottweiler in. We then put the dog on our wait list and send an evaluator out to see the dog and give him or her a complete evaluation.

Our evaluation team puts these dogs through temperament tests, and only the best dogs are selected to come in to the program, as space is always limited. The dogs undergo a socialization test, are tested with other animals, their food and toys, and people. NERR does not knowingly take a dog from a shelter that has bitten anyone or has aggression incidents, as we do not, and will not; place a dog with aggression issues.

Once a dog is accepted into the program it will be moved to a foster home; sometimes to a boarding kennel if there is not an open foster home at the time. Vet appointments are immediately setup for the dog to get all of their vaccinations, HW tests, fecal testes, spayed/neutered if needed, and have any other medical needs taken care of. If a dog is at a boarding kennel, we have training teams that meet and start working the dog in basic obedience while they are waiting for a home to open up for them.

Our foster homes are the places where dogs get their 2nd chance at a good life. All of our foster dogs are in foster care for a minimum of two-three weeks while they re-acclimate to living in a family environment. Anything that your family does on a regular basis – going for a walk, to the pet store, to the kids' soccer games – will help your foster dog with its socialization and in building confidence. Training guidelines will be provided and you will be kept in contact with certain Coordinators. If you have Internet access, NERR has an email list for fosters that enables the entire foster group to communicate with each other quickly and efficiently. You will be responsible for filling out the foster update questionnaires, taking updated photos of your dog for the web page and keeping the dog's bio up to date. We hold Outreach Days throughout our area and you may be

asked to bring your dog to events within your area so the dog can be seen. If we have an approved adopter that is interested in your foster, you will be talking to the family to give them more information on the dog and to set up times for the family to come meet your foster.

Dogs are matched to prospective foster homes in the same fashion they are matched to permanent homes, including reference verifications and a home visit. We ask that you carefully communicate what types of situations are acceptable to you, and have all members of your family understand their importance in fostering this dog. Kids in particular play a very important role in foster homes as they give so much of themselves to these animals. They are also the saddest in the family to see their foster dog go. However, children should NEVER be left alone with any animal, particularly the foster dogs. Our goal is to have these dogs succeed.

Well that's about it! If you should decide to sign up as a foster home, your application will take 2-3 weeks to process. You need to fill out this form attached (similar to the volunteer one you already submitted).

If at any time you decide this is not what you would like to do, there are many other ways you can help out with rescue Rotties. Just let us know! If I can answer any questions you may have, or would like to discuss the foster program in more detail, please feel free to contact me any time. Send an email to me at mescarpa@sbcglobal.net and I will get back to you promptly.

If you have any questions about general volunteering duties other than fostering, you should contact your RVC (regional volunteer coordinator). Once you mail in your volunteer waiver, they should be in contact with you concerning local events and such.

Thanks and welcome to rescue!
Dawn Mulcahey
Foster Coordinator



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FOSTER APPLICATION

Name:
Age:
Spouse/Partner:
Age:
Address:
City:
State:
ZIP:

NERR places dogs in foster care in New England, southeastern NY, and north of I-80 in NJ. If you are outside of this area, please speak with a rescue group in your area.

E-Mail Address:
(example: jsmith@aol.com)

Is this a home or work email address:

Please Note: Our first form of contact is by e-mail, if you prefer to be contacted by U.S. Mail, please indicate this in the "additional comments" box at the end of the form.

Home Phone:
Will you accept a collect call from us?
What is the best time to reach you?

Your employer:
Phone:
Partner's employer:
Phone:

Children Living in Your Home:
Number: none, 1, 2, 3, 3 or more

Child 1 (youngest):	Sex:	Age:
Child 2 (next youngest):	Sex:	Age:
Child 3 (next youngest):	Sex:	Age:

What breeds of dogs have the children lived with?

Is everyone in your household in agreement on fostering a rottweiler?
If no, who is not?
Why?

How long have you lived at this address?

Please indicate which best describes your current living situation:
-- Please choose one – House, Apartment, Condo, Trailer, Other

Do you:
-- Please choose one – Rent, Own, Live with parents

If you rent, name & phone number of Landlord (your application cannot be processed without this information):

If you live in a mobile home, name & phone number of land owner:

What type of environment? City, Suburban, Country

If less than two years, please list your previous address:

Besides your immediate family, are there others residing in your home?
Names:
Ages:

Does your home have a yard?
Is there a fence?
What type of fence and how tall?
Will gate be locked with a pad- lock?
Is the fence secured underground as well?

If no fence, please indicate how you will exercise your dog (choose as many as apply):
Invisible fence , Cable runners , Outdoor kennel, Leash walk

Where will your dog be kept most of the time?
Choose: In house Outside Basement Other (Specify)

Is someone home during the day?

If not, where will the dog stay while you are gone?

If kept outside, will you have a dog run/dog house? (*Dogs are not to be chained or tied out and left at any time*)

Have you ever owned a Rottweiler?

Where is that Rottweiler now?

Why have you chosen the Rottweiler breed to foster? What about the Rottweiler breed makes you want to foster one?

Have you fostered any animal in the past?

What kind of animal?)

Have you fostered dogs in the past? What Breeds?

Through which agency (name, phone number)?

How long did you foster for them?

Are you still fostering for them...if not, why?

What are you willing to provide for a foster Rottweiler (food, shelter, training, activities)?

Do you prefer a male or female Rottweiler? Circle one: Male female no preference

Age range? Circle one: 0- 5 mo 6mo-1 yr 1-5 yrs 5 yrs+

Other criteria for dog you'd be willing to foster:

Are you willing to foster a dog until a permanent home can be found or other arrangements made?

If no, please provide maximum time frame:

Are you willing to provide transportation to and from the vet, attend local events & Rottweiler Days, etc. as needed?

Pet Information

Number: none, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more

First Pet:

Name:

Sex:

Age:

Weight:

Type: Dog, Cat, Bird, Rabbit, Rodent, Pig, Reptile, Insect, Other

Breed:

Vaccinations: Unnecessary, All are past due, Some are current, All are current

Spay/Neuter: Yes, No

Date of Last Vet Visit (mm/dd/yy):

Is this animal on Heartworm Preventative?:

What kind?

Second Pet:

Name:

Sex:

Age:

Weight:

Type: Dog, Cat, Bird, Rabbit, Rodent, Pig, Reptile, Insect, Other

Breed:

Vaccinations: Unnecessary, All are past due, Some are current, All are current

Spay/Neuter: Yes, No

Date of Last Vet Visit (mm/dd/yy):

Is this animal on Heartworm Preventative?:

What kind?

Please list other pets currently residing in your home (name, type, age):

Are you willing to pay for a heartworm test?

Veterinarian's Name & Phone Number:

Name of owner listed at vet office if different than applicant:

List other pets you have owned in the past ten years and what happened to them:

How did you hear about North East Rottweiler Rescue & Referral?

List any Humane Societies, Organizations, Breed or Training Clubs you are associated with:

We will attempt to provide you with an honest evaluation of temperament on any dog we have to place. Do you realize that often times the complete history of a Rottweiler may not be known and you may encounter some behavioral problems?

Are you willing to work with us on correcting these problems?

Please provide the following information for references:

Name

Phone Number

Relationship to you

Number of years known

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

Reference 3:

Space for additional comments:

Please check all boxes below. If any of the boxes are left unchecked, your application will NOT be processed.

By checking this box I certify that the information provided on this form is true & correct. I understand that proper food and veterinarian care can be costly and I am financially and physically able to care for this animal.

I understand that NERR&R, Inc. will attempt to present the dog for foster having already obtained all of its vaccinations and spay/neuter. I also understand that I will be reimbursed for any pre-approved medical expenses related to this dog. I also understand that I am responsible for any food, toys, and travel associated with fostering this dog, and that I will not be reimbursed for it. (NERR is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3)).

I understand that I am a volunteer for NERR. I will provide my own automobile and health insurance, and hereby agree to not hold NERR&R, Inc. or any of its volunteers, associates or foster care providers liable for any physical, emotional or property damages that are a direct or indirect result of activities involved in the placement, transport, grooming, training or evaluating of Rottweilers in any way associated with

NERR&R, Inc. This includes any and all activities I perform as a NERR&R, Inc. volunteer.

By checking this box, I am indicating that this is a valid and legal substitution for my written signature on this legal document titled "North East Rottweiler Rescue Adoption Application".

I have read NERR's policies and agree to act in accordance with these policies while I am representing NERR. I understand that I will be notified by the volunteer coordinator once I have been approved.

Foster Applicant Signature

Date

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Date

Please return this application to:

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Our application can also be filled out on-line on our website!

Thanks you for your interest in helping out the Rottweiler breed.